TUBERCULOSIS SUSPECT CASE REPORT



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TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

Reporting of all patients with <u>confirmed</u> or <u>suspect</u> tuberculosis (TB) is mandated by state Health and Safety Codes Div. 4, Chapter 5 and Admin, Codes, Title 17, Chapter 4, Section 2500 and must be done within **one day of diagnosis**.

WHY DO YOU REPORT?

Because it is the law! The health department performs many vital functions to ensure public health and safety, including case management, contact follow-up, assessment of compliance with treatment and appointments, and directly observed therapy (DOT). The TB Control staff will also assist in facilitating timely and appropriate discharge planning. Since January 1, 1994, state law mandates that all TB patients have a health department-approved discharge plan, *prior* to discharge.

WHO MUST REPORT?

Anyone aware of a patient suspected to have, or confirmed with, active TB.

WHEN DO YOU REPORT?

- A) When active TB is one of the primary differential diagnoses. This often occurs when:
 - 1. signs and symptoms of TB are present, and/or
 - 2. the patient has an abnormal chest x-ray consistent with TB, and/or
 - 3. the patient is placed on multidrug therapy for active TB or
- B) When specimen smears are positive for acid fast bacilli (AFB).
- C) When the patient has a positive *M. tuberculosis* or *M. bovis* culture.

HOW DO YOU REPORT?

The form on the other side is to be completed **in its entirety** and submitted to the health department. TB Control staff will review this form and may return a call to the physician as needed.

By phone: (619) 692-8610

By cell phone: (619) 540-0194 (weekdays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., weekends/holidays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

By FAX: (619) 692-5516

This form, when submitted to TB Control, fulfills the legal requirement for reporting. The process for discharge or transfer approval necessitates a different form. Please call (619) 692-8610 for further information about discharge care plan submission/approval.

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